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Dear Ti Lamusse

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 October 2017 requesting a snapshot of the sentenced prison population for Saturday, September 23 2017. Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

On this date there were 7,461 sentenced prisoners.

Of this total, 6,910 were male, 545 were female, and 6 were of an indeterminate or other gender.

3,638 identified as Māori, 2,487 as New Zealand European, 875 as Pacific peoples, and 269 as Asian. 192 sentenced prisoners identified as another ethnicity or were not recorded.

As you may be aware, the Department does not actively collect information about citizenship or country of birth when prisoners are received into our custody, as this does not affect their day-to-day management. As part of the induction interview, prisoners are asked to identify their 'ethnicity', but the information is not verified. Please bear this in mind when considering the ethnicity statistics provided above.

I trust the information provided is of assistance. Should you have any concerns with this response, I would encourage you to raise these with the Department. Alternatively you are advised of your right to also raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman. Contact details are: Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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